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(54) **Cosmetic and skin protective compositions comprising catalase**

(57) A hair and scalp formulation based on a peroxidase enzyme and synergistic yeast extract therefore. It entails a chemically-inert carrier material, a germicidal/preservative agent, and a metal chelating agent. A skin protective formulation based on peroxidase enzyme and yeast extract. It entails a polymer carrier, a fatty acid emollient, a co-emulsifier of an amino acid complex essential to a fatty acid; an emulsifying agent; a skin healing agent, and a germicidal surfactant. An aqueous formulation adapted for topical hair rinsing consisting of a peroxidase enzyme, a yeast extract adapted to enhance the activity of the enzyme and a cationic hair conditioning agent selected from water-soluble thickening resins.

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1. Claims: 1 -2 and 7-14

Compositions for hair treatment comprising a peroxidase enzyme and a yeast extract, and methods for their application.

2. Claims: 3-6

Skin compositions comprising a peroxidase enzyme and a list of six specific ingredients, not including yeast extract.